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I read with interest the article in the March 9th State Newspaper regarding SCE&G's rate increase request. While I don't believe the State Newspaper is always accurate in their articles, I did find it interesting that SCE&G customers are paying rate increases for nuclear power reactors that haven't received final approval from federal regulators. I am opposed to the rate increase or at least the magnitude of the rate increase. I own stock in SCE&G and the rate increase would most likely improve my stock position but requesting this huge of an increase on the heels of a major recession is asking too much for the average consumer to bear.

I live a mile or so off the beaten path down a dirt road. My power comes from Chapin across the Broad River. MCEC services my neighbors on the way to my house and their power service is better with cheaper rates. SCE&G does a poor job at clearing the right of way power lines from tree limbs and is not very responsive when power does go off. I certainly understand how power company lines are drawn but if given the chance I would switch to MCEC in a minute.

Sincerely,

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